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SUBJECT: URENCO FUEL SUPPLY TO BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN
NUCLEAR MATTERS

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1. EMBOFF BRIEFED NAZELLE THURSDAY, APRIL 14, ON
US APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL. NAZELLE
APPRECIATED RECEIVING THE INFORMATION AND PERSONALLY
FELT THE APPROACH HELPFUL TO THE US OBJECTIVE. THE
FRENCH DO NOT EXPECT TO SEE THE FRG ON NONPROLIFERATION
ISSUES UNTIL THE EVE OF THE LONDON SUPPLIERS MEETING
AND THEN WOULD NOT PLAN TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF THE
FRG-BRAZIL ACCORD. NAZELLE NOTED THE FRENCH WILL
VISIT LONDON ON APRIL 18 AND THAT THE UK AND THE FRG
WILL MEET LATER THAT WEEK.

2. RE PAKISTAN, NAZELLE SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT
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TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND PAKISTAN HAD NOT YET BEGUN.
ON APRIL 1 NAZELLE TOLD NYE THAT ONLY TWO WEEKS
REMAIN UNTIL THE GOF MUST TAKE ACTION ON THE FINANCING
ASPECTS OF TWO EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID
THAT AT THE APRIL 8 MEETING OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL
GROUP CONSIDERING FOREIGN FINANCING PROPOSALS THE MFA
SUCCEEDED IN HAVING THE TWO CONTRACTS NOT CONSIDERED.

THE GROUP MEETS AGAIN ON APRIL 22 AND NAZELLE IS NOT CONFIDENT HE CAN AGAIN KEEP THE MATTER FROM BEING CONSIDERED. HE BELIEVES PAKISTAN HAS THE MESSAGE THAT FRANCE IS NOT PRESSING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACTS, BUT YET THERE HAS BEEN NO PROTEST BY PAKISTAN OVER THE DELAY.

3. ON THE MATTER OF PAKISTAN INTERNAL STABILITY, NAZELLE ADMITTED THAT THE NEWS THE FRENCH HAD RECEIVED WAS "DISQUIETING." EMBOFF PRESSED MATTER OF FRENCH RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE PLANT SHOULD INTERNAL PAKISTAN SITUATION BECOME A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN - AT SOME POINT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO FREEZE OPERATIONS AND AWAIT SOME RETURN TO NORMAL. NAZELLE AGREED TO DISCUSS INTERNAL PAKISTAN SITUATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 20 WITH VIEW TO SEEING IF SITUATION MERITED AT LEAST POSTPONEMENT OF FINANCING DECISION (CABLES MENTIONED IN PARA 4 FYI WOULD BE BASIS OF EMBOFF'S COMMENTS).

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FIRM INFORMATION WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND ISLAMABAD MAY HAVE ON ACTUAL STATUS OF PLANT CONSTRUCTION. NAZELLE HAS BEEN REPORTING INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM ST. GOBAIN (E.G. PARIS 3588) AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT SITUATION IS AS HE HAS REPORTED. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO HAVE SOME FORM OF CORROBORATING FACTS TO INSURE THAT ST. GOBAIN'S REPORTS ARE NOT LEADING THE FACTS - A PARTIAL HEDGE AGAINST CANCELLA-
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5. NAZELLE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN DEPTH AT LONDON BILATERAL NOW SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.
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